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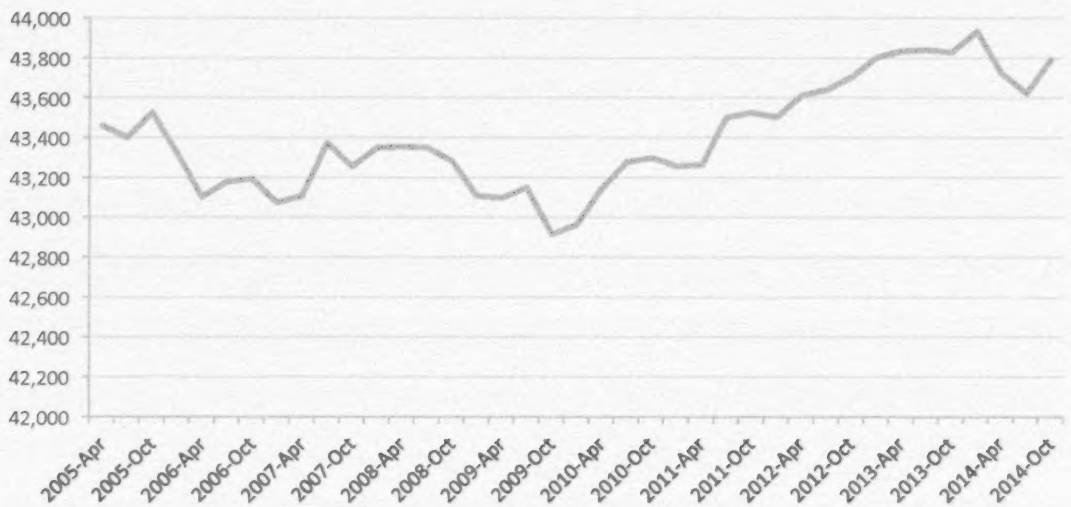
Northwest Territories Population – October 2014

On October 1, 2014 Statistics Canada estimated that 43,795 people were living in the Northwest Territories. In terms of quarterly growth, the NWT population increased by 172 persons between July 1, 2014 and October 1, 2014. The population increase was a result of a gain of 136 persons through natural increase and 36 persons through migration.

Figure 1 presents NWT quarterly population estimates for the past nine years. Despite fluctuations in the estimates, a small upward trend has been seen since October 2009.

Figure 1 Northwest Territories Population Estimates
April 1, 2005 to October 1, 2014



Between October 1, 2013 and October 1, 2014, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 0.1%, a total of 35 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 696 births and 199 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 497 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,191 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,806 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 615 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 83 persons.

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At the national level, Canada's population increased by 1.1% between October 1, 2013 and October 1, 2014. With the exception of the Northwest Territories and some of the Atlantic provinces, all other provinces and territories experienced positive growth.

Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2014

	2014 Oct 1	% Change	2013 Oct 1	% Change	2012 Oct 1	% Change	2011 Oct 1	% Change
Canada	35,675,834	1.1	35,289,003	1.2	34,880,248	1.2	34,472,304	1.0
Northwest Territories	43,795	-0.1	43,830	0.3	43,702	0.4	43,526	0.5
Nunavut	36,687	2.5	35,782	2.4	34,941	1.9	34,277	2.1
Yukon	36,758	1.3	36,297	-0.2	36,361	2.2	35,581	2.3
British Columbia	4,657,947	1.2	4,603,236	0.9	4,560,015	0.9	4,518,203	0.8
Alberta	4,145,992	2.6	4,039,182	3.1	3,918,218	2.8	3,811,729	1.7
Saskatchewan	1,129,899	1.6	1,111,797	1.7	1,093,536	2.0	1,071,916	1.5
Manitoba	1,286,323	1.3	1,269,475	1.2	1,254,586	1.3	1,238,312	1.1
Ontario	13,730,187	0.9	13,603,904	1.1	13,456,709	1.1	13,316,463	1.0
Quebec	8,236,310	0.8	8,173,263	0.8	8,107,499	1.0	8,030,257	0.9
New Brunswick	754,643	-0.1	755,194	-0.2	756,504	0.1	756,079	0.2
Nova Scotia	943,932	0.1	942,653	-0.2	944,810	-0.1	945,360	0.1
Prince Edward Island	146,524	0.7	145,532	0.0	145,483	0.6	144,682	1.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	526,837	-0.4	528,858	0.2	527,884	0.4	525,919	0.6

The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2008 are presented in Table 2.

For more information about these estimates or for community level population estimates and projections, please visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at http://www.statsnwt.ca or call (867) 873-7147.

Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories - January 1, 2008 to October 1, 2014

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	---- Interprovincial Migration ---- In	Out	Net	Net International	Error of Closure
2014	Jul-Sep	43,623	43,795	195	59	560	559	1	35	-
	Apr-Jun	43,725	43,623	160	46	791	1022	-231	15	-
	Jan-Mar	43,933	43,725	183	44	591	963	-372	25	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,802	43,933	698	194	1,607	2,132	-525	152	-
	Oct-Dec	43,830	43,933	158	50	249	262	-13	8	-
	Jul-Sep	43,841	43,830	197	57	343	508	-165	14	-
	Apr-Jun	43,834	43,841	160	44	535	723	-188	79	-
	Jan-Mar	43,802	43,834	183	43	480	639	-159	51	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,501	43,802	694	189	1,563	1,897	-334	130	-
	Oct-Dec	43,702	43,802	157	49	186	225	-39	31	-
	Jul-Sep	43,639	43,702	196	55	409	505	-96	18	-
	Apr-Jun	43,612	43,639	159	43	452	588	-136	47	-
	Jan-Mar	43,501	43,612	182	42	516	579	-63	34	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,501	690	188	2,183	2,430	-247	36	48
	Oct-Dec	43,526	43,501	156	48	290	434	-144	11	-
	Jul-Sep	43,501	43,526	195	54	561	714	-153	37	-
	Apr-Jun	43,263	43,501	157	44	783	617	166	-27	14
	Jan-Mar	43,258	43,263	182	42	549	665	-116	15	34
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135
	Oct-Dec	43,298	43,258	176	40	313	448	-135	-7	34
	Jul-Sep	43,278	43,298	161	47	345	439	-94	34	34
	Apr-Jun	43,145	43,278	175	42	579	573	6	28	34
	Jan-Mar	42,962	43,145	188	55	653	600	53	30	33
2009	Jan-Dec	43,109	42,962	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	16	135
2008	Jan-Dec	43,351	43,109	721	201	1,897	2,623	-726	100	136

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.
Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2011, 2006, 2001 and 1996 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.